

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 and 13 have been amended. Claims 1-14 remain in the application.

Claims 1-14 were objected to for various informalities. The claims have been amended to correct these informalities.

The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for courtesies extended during the interview of August 17, 2005. A copy of the interview summary is attached.

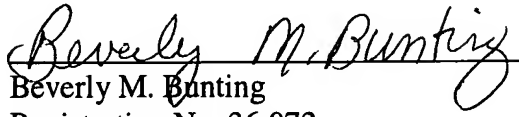
Claims 1-3 and 6-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Furuyama et al. (2001/0025456). The Applicant traverses this rejection. The prior art of Furuyama et al. '456 does not disclose a reinforcement panel disposed between the inner body panel and trim panel, as disclosed by the Applicant. Also, Furuyama et al. '456 does not disclose that the reinforcement panel is secured to the back side of each of the trim panel members.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 7 as amended and the claims dependent therefrom are in a condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner indicated that claims 11-14 are allowable. It was also indicated that claims 4, 5, 8 and 9 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The claims have been amended accordingly. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 4 and 8 and the claims dependent therefrom are in a condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner finds to

the contrary, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned in charge of this application be called at the telephone number given below to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,


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